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Bush Backs Gay-Marriage Ban

Call for constitutional amendment draws swift criticism

WASHINGTON | President Bush on Tuesday backed a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage — a move he said was needed to stop judges from changing the definition of the "most enduring human institution."

"After more than two centuries of American jurisprudence and millennia of human experience, a few judges and local authorities are presuming to change the most fundamental institution of civilization," the president said in urging Congress to approve

such an amendment. Bush left the door open for civil unions as an alternative to same-sex marriages.

Criticism was immediate. Democrats accused Bush of tinkering with a document that forms the bedrock of American democracy to divert election-year attention from his record — an allegation the White House denied. A major gay Republican group, the Log Cabin Republicans, accused Bush of "pandering to the radical right."

But the American Center for Law and Justice, which focuses on family and religious issues, praised Bush for helping to "ensure that marriage remains an institution between one man and one woman."

Bush noted actions in Massachusetts, where justices on the highest court have indicated they will order the issuance of marriage licenses to applicants of the same gender in May, and in San Francisco, where city officials have issued thousands of marriage licenses to people of the same sex. **DEB RIECHMANN (AP)**

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MARDI GRAS | ODD COUPLE



COLORFUL CHARACTERS: Undeterred by the rain, revelers donned soggy costumes and cheered along parade routes as Mardi Gras reached its boisterous climax in New Orleans on Tuesday.

Defense Won't Put Stewart On the Stand

NEW YORK | Martha Stewart will not take the stand in her own defense, her lawyer said Tuesday, gambling that jurors will not need her testimony to acquit the homemaking icon of lying about a stock sale.

Stewart's lawyer, Robert Morillo, said the defense team would call no more than two witnesses — a former lawyer who represented Stewart when she first met with government investigators and, if the judge allows it, a memory expert.

In either case, the Stewart defense is expected to start and end its case Wednesday. Closing arguments could begin Thursday.

Legal experts say putting Stewart on the stand would have raised a host of concerns for her defense team, including having her explain inconsistencies in her statements and exposing her to risky cross-examination by the government.

Other testimony at the trial has already shown Stewart's quick temper, and she could have damaged her case by appearing hostile or combative while under intense questioning by prosecutors. **ERIN MCCLAM (AP)**

LAW | Plastic Police A former department store dummy is now working traffic enforcement for the police in Santa Maria, Calif. Before joining the force, Officer TED — traffic enforcement decoy — had a career at Robinson's May as a store mannequin, but he was let go



and donated to police. Dressed in a uniform, Officer TED is dropped off at busy thoroughfares to peer over the steering wheel of a patrol car. He serves as a visual reminder for people to check their speed, Cpl. James Ginter said. **(AP) EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

ACCIDENTS

Fire in the Hole

A cigarette pitched down a Jackson, Wyo., ski area toilet is the suspected cause of an underground fire that took several hours to put out. Plastic fixtures melted in the men's room located at mid-mountain at the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, but the flames did not reach out of the toilet Monday. Firefighters had to ski 5-gallon jugs of water down to the bathroom, which can be reached only on skis or by snow machines. The toilet uses a compost system, and signs in the bathroom warn people not to throw cigarettes down it. (AP)

HEARSAY | SEE-THRU

"I cannot ascribe any motive to why anyone would do this."

—MIKE FIERBERG

OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION COMMENTING ON A SECURITY EMPLOYEE IN A DENVER AIRPORT WHO WAS DISCIPLINED FOR SENDING HIMSELF THROUGH AN X-RAY MACHINE.



MEMENTOS

Eyes Like Jewels

Al Nix has designed a lot of jewelry in the last 25 years, but nothing compares with the project Michael Burton handed him — a glass eye to be refitted into a ring. Burton has had a glass eye for 35 years because of an industrial accident. He had to have the artificial eye refitted recently, and he didn't want to part with the old one. "Almost everyone wants to see it and hold it," Burton said. "I wouldn't trade it for a real eye." (AP)

TRAVEL

Crash and Carry

Out-of-towners who crash their cars on U.S. 12 and U.S. 20 in Porter, Ind., may have to start paying for local police assistance. Under a new proposal, non-residents involved in traffic accidents would be billed for the time officers spend at the scene. Last year, 83 percent of the accidents investigated by local police involved non-residents, Chief John Lane said. He said the money could be used to offset equipment costs. (AP)

HOBBIES

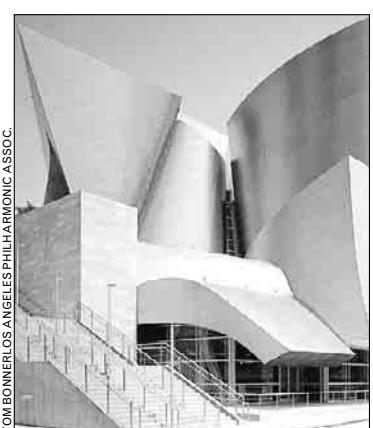
Land O' Lego

Four months and more than one million bricks later, a model of Germany's Fritz-Walter Stadium made entirely of Legos will be ready for prime time. The model, commissioned by the city of Kaiserslautern, is a scale rendering of the stadium, which is scheduled to host the 2006 Soccer World Championships. Paul Friese, right, told Reuters on Tuesday the model will soon go on display in the Kaiserslautern, which is some 85 miles north of the city of Hamburg. (EXPRESS)

ARCHITECTURE

The Culture, It Burns!

The glare off the shimmering stainless steel curves of the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles is so intense it's heating up nearby condos, neighbors complain. The reflection off one corner of the building clad in a glossy, mirror-like steel, can drive up temperatures as much as 15 degrees, some condo owners claim. Disney Hall officials have put up a temporary synthetic net while they work on a permanent solution — dulling the shine. (AP)



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Gay Marriages Spark National Debate

Bush's call for amendment banning same-sex unions gets mixed reviews

WASHINGTON | President Bush's endorsement of a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as the union of a man and a woman, excluding homosexual couples, generated a massive response in Washington on Tuesday, with reaction coming from both sides of the hot-button issue.

Democrats accused Bush of pandering to right-wing supporters and tinkering with the Constitution to divert attention from his record on jobs, health care and foreign policy.



Bush

Bush's statement set a clear policy contrast with the two senators who are seeking the Democratic nomination for president — John Kerry and John Edwards. Both said they oppose gay marriages but would not support a constitutional amendment.

Banning gay marriage is a top priority for Bush's conservative supporters, particularly those among religious and family-oriented groups. But while a majority of Americans — sometimes by as much as a 2-1 margin — oppose legalizing gay

marriages, Bush's move could hold political risks, particularly if voters see him as intolerant or question his self-description as a "compassionate conservative."

Conservatives were delighted Bush had plunged in.

"There is no more important issue for our nation than the preservation of the institution of marriage," said Kelly Shackelford, president of the Texas-based Free Market Foundation, a family advocacy group.

Momentum for a constitutional amendment has grown as San Francisco officials have performed thousands of same-sex marriages and have challenged their state law barring such unions. In Massachusetts, the state's highest court has ruled that a state law falling short of allowing full-fledged marriage for gays would be unconstitutional.

Amending the Constitution is not quick or simple. A two-thirds majority of both the House and Senate must pass an amendment, and then it would be sent to the states for ratification. It must be approved by three-fourths, or 38 of the 50.

TERENCE HUNT (AP)



Kevin Cahill, left, wipes tears from the eyes of Chip Lenno on Tuesday during their wedding ceremony performed by officials at City Hall in San Francisco.

A PUBLIC DIVIDED

Public opinion remains almost evenly split on the idea of an amendment banning gay marriage, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

- **Civil unions:** 45% of those surveyed think gay couples should be allowed to form legally recognized civil unions, while 48% do not.
- **Marriage:** 39% think it should be legal for same-sex couples

- to get married, while 55 percent think it should be illegal.
- **Amendment:** 46% support an amendment banning gay marriage, while 45% say each state should make its own decision.

More details at washingtonpost.com

A constitutional question: Full coverage of reaction to the president's support for an amendment banning gay marriage | Today's Washington Post, A Section

TRAIL MIX

The March 2 "Super Tuesday" races were the focus of the major Democratic presidential candidates Tuesday, while three states geared up to decide on their delegate rolls.

→ **Sen. John Kerry** of Massachusetts campaigned in Ohio, touring a steel mill and talking with workers at a revitalized factory.

→ **Sen. John Edwards** of South Carolina held a rally at the state Capitol in Georgia, then headed to campaign stops in Texas.

→ **Utah** held its presidential primary on Tuesday, while residents in **Hawaii** and **Idaho** attended caucuses.

Tallying the vote: Full results for the day's political contests are available at washingtonpost.com/politics

Intel Chiefs: Al Qaeda Weak, But Threat Remains

WASHINGTON | CIA Director George Tenet said Tuesday that the al Qaeda terror group is seriously damaged but has spread its radical anti-American agenda to other Islamic extremist groups that now pose the greatest threat to the United States.

"The steady growth of Osama bin Laden's anti-U.S. sentiment through the wider Sunni (Islamic) extremist movement, and the broad dissemination of al Qaeda's destructive expertise, ensure that a serious threat will remain for the foreseeable future — with or without al Qaeda in the picture," Tenet told the Senate

Intelligence Committee in his annual assessment of global threats.

The leadership of the original al Qaeda terror group, which the United States targeted after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, is seriously damaged, Tenet said. Beyond al Qaeda however, Tenet said, there is a continuing threat to the United States from a "global movement infected by al Qaeda's radical agenda."

On another front, Tenet found himself on the defensive as committee members criticized the intelligence used by President Bush to justify the war in Iraq. "We're not



CIA Director George Tenet, center, flanked by Defense Intelligence Agency director Lowell Jacoby, left, and FBI Director Robert Mueller, testifies Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

perfect," Tenet said. "But we're pretty damned good at what we do."

The public session comes after months of scrutiny of the intelli-

gence community's so-far faulty prewar estimates that weapons of mass destruction would be found in Iraq. KATHERINE PFLEGER SHRADER (AP)

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Military Picks Tribunal Cases

Alleged former aides to Bin Laden will be first tried in secretive courts

WASHINGTON | Two men alleged to have been bodyguards and aides for Osama bin Laden were charged with conspiracy to commit war crimes and ordered to stand trial before the first U.S. military tribunals convened since World War II, officials announced Tuesday.

Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud al Qosi, of Sudan, was a paymaster for al Qaeda, and Ali Hamza Ahmed

Sulayman al Bahlul, of Yemen, was a propagandist for bin Laden, the government charged in military indictments unsealed at the Pentagon.

The two men are among more than 600 foreign prisoners held at the U.S. Navy's Guantanamo prison camp in Cuba. Both spent time in terrorist training camps and served as bodyguards for bin Laden, according to military charging documents similar to indictments in civilian courts.

Although President Bush has authorized the death penalty for suspects convicted by military tribunals, prosecutors will not seek

it for the two suspects charged Tuesday, the Pentagon said. The two face a maximum of life in prison if convicted.

Military tribunals are traditionally used to try alleged war criminals, such as Nazi leaders after World War II.

The military tribunals are expected to take place at Guantanamo Bay, though the brief charging documents do not indicate when. The indictments also provide no documentation for government claims the men were terrorist conspirators.

ANNE GEARAN (AP)

DISSENT | PASSION PROTEST



CHIP EAST/REUTERS

THUMBS DOWN: A protester holds up a sign handed out to three dozen Jewish demonstrators who rallied in front of a Times Square theater to protest the Mel Gibson film "The Passion of the Christ" in New York on Tuesday. The movie has drawn both praise and criticism from religious groups.

Colo. Officials to Release Columbine Shooting Evidence

LITTLETON, COLO. | Nearly five years after the Columbine High massacre, officials will release a new report and thousands of pieces of evidence that may explain why so many warning signs from the teenage killers were missed.

Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar led the investigation into contacts between the gunmen and sheriff's investigators long before the attack. He will disclose his findings to victims' parents Wednesday and make them public the following day.

Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, marched through the school on April 20, 1999, gunning down 12 classmates and a teacher before taking their own lives. It remains the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history. (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

High Court Lifts Death Sentence for Texas Inmate

The Supreme Court, normally bitterly divided on capital punishment cases, was unanimous Tuesday in saying a Texas death row inmate who came within minutes of execution should get another chance to appeal his murder conviction. Delma Banks was denied a fair trial more than two decades ago because prosecutors failed to disclose key

information that might have helped Banks' case, the court said. (AP)

SAN ANTONIO

Court Cancels Arguments In Bid to Review Roe v. Wade

Oral arguments on a motion to reconsider the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion 31 years ago have been canceled by a federal appeals court, which will now only review written pleadings in the case. Monday's move represented an about-face by justices on giving Jane Roe of Roe v. Wade fame a chance to argue before the 5th U.S. Circuit

Court of Appeals that her landmark abortion case should be reopened and reversed, the San Antonio Express-News reported Tuesday. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Teachers Union Asks Bush To Fire Education Secretary

The National Education Association asked President Bush on Tuesday to fire Education Secretary Rod Paige for calling the union a "terrorist organization." Paige, who made the comment in a private meeting with governors Monday, later apologized for a poor choice of words. (AP)

In Brief

IRAQ | HOLY DAY



TSUO/NOUVEAU/AP

PROCESSIONS: Shiites beat themselves with chains during a ceremony for the holy day of Ashura in the city of Samawa on Tuesday. Ashura memorializes the martyrdom of Muhammad's grandson, Imam Hussein, at Karbala.

FRANCE

Food Safety Issues Prompt U.S. Ban on Processed Meat

The United States is suspending imports of all French processed meat and poultry products, including delicacies like foie gras, because of food safety concerns, officials in both countries said Tuesday. French officials present during the inspections last month found no problems, however, the French Agriculture Ministry said. (AP)

NORTH KOREA

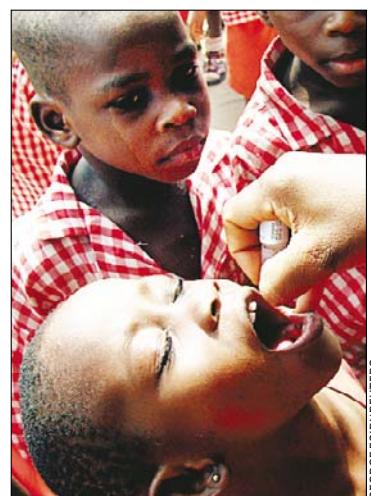
No Nuclear Freeze Without Compensation, North Says

North Korea on Tuesday demanded compensation in return for freezing its nuclear weapons program, just hours before delegates from North and South Korea, China, the United States, Russia and Japan were to convene in Beijing for negotiations on the issue. Pyongyang has staked such a position before; Washington demands that Pyongyang dismantle its nuclear programs first. (AP)

NIGERIA

Amid Fears of U.S. Plot, More States Ban Polio Vaccine

Two more states in Nigeria's Islamic north joined a boycott Tuesday of a massive polio immunization campaign, demanding proof the vaccines aren't part of a U.S. plot to spread AIDS or sterility among Muslims. The World Health Organization, which launched the 10-nation immunization campaign on Monday, says a polio outbreak spreading from one of the states has helped spread polio to seven African nations where it had been eradicated. (AP)



GEORGE ESIRI/REUTERS

A health worker vaccinates a 5-year-old boy in Lagos, Nigeria, on Tuesday.

Russian President Shuffles Cabinet**Putin fires his P.M. just 3 weeks before presidential election**

MOSCOW | Less than three weeks before the presidential election, President Vladimir Putin fired his prime minister Tuesday in a surprise stroke that rids the Russian leadership of a top holdover from the Boris Yeltsin era.

The dismissal of Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov and his Cabinet also apparently bolstered the auth-



Dismissed Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov, left, and President Vladimir Putin.

ority of Putin's inner circle of former KGB agents.

Kasyanov was a strong advocate of the business tycoons whom many Russians regard with disdain. His

ouster is likely to further boost Putin's already overwhelming lead in the run-up to the March 14 presidential election by attracting nationalists and other hardliners who accuse Putin of continuing the policies of Yeltsin, under whom tycoons amassed great wealth in questionable privatization deals.

Putin named Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Khristenko, widely perceived as essentially a yes-man to Putin, as interim premier. He must propose a nominee within two weeks. VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV (AP)

Purported Tape of Bin Laden's Aide Warns of Attacks

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | Two audiotapes purportedly of Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant were broadcast on Arabic TV stations Tuesday.

The latest audiotapes, attributed to Ayman al-Zawahri, aired a few hours apart on Al-Arabiya and Al-Jazeera networks, competing Arabic TV stations based in the Persian Gulf.

In Al-Jazeera's tape, the voice challenges President Bush's claim to have liberated Iraq and warns of more attacks.

"The fighting Islamic community — which sent you New York and Washington battalions — has decided to send you one battalion after the other," the tape warns.

The tapes were aired as Pakistani forces searched villages in a remote region between Pakistan and Afghanistan where bin Laden and Taliban suspects are believed hiding. Al-Zawahri, an Egyptian-born physician, is thought to be with bin Laden. SARAH EL DEEB (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Tooth decay, gum disease and oral and throat cancers are a global health problem in industrialized and increasingly in developing countries, the World Health Organization warned. Five billion people — or nearly 80 percent of the world's population — suffer from tooth decay, the U.N. health agency said Tuesday in a report on oral health. (AP)

Troops in Iraq Kill Suspected Qaeda Aide

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | U.S. troops killed a lieutenant of suspected al Qaeda-linked militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the military said Tuesday.

U.S. officials have offered a \$10 million reward for al-Zarqawi, saying he is trying to build a network of foreign militants in Iraq to work on al Qaeda's behalf.

Haitians Reject U.S. Plan

Rebels say Aristide must leave; advance on capital continues

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI | President Jean-Bertrand Aristide urgently appealed for the world's help Tuesday in averting a bloodbath and a new exodus of boat people as rebels threatened the capital.

But his plea went unheard at home, where opposition politicians rejected a U.S.-backed peace plan that diplomats have said is Haiti's last chance.

"There will be no more delays. Our answer remains the same. Aristide must resign," said Maurice Lafourche, a member of the opposition's Democratic Platform.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell on Monday had asked them to delay their formal response for 24 hours, and opposition leaders said Powell had used the time to try to assure them the international community would call for Aristide to step down if he did not honor any agreement.

A State Department official said the United States was continuing to work with the parties to win acceptance of the plan. A key feature of the plan is the appointment of a prime minister acceptable to both sides in the conflict. (AP)

American troops killed the alleged al-Zarqawi associate, Abu Mohammed Hamza, in a gunbattle at a house in the western town of Habbaniyah, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said. Soldiers found bomb-making materials and explosives in the house — including a suicide bomber's vest, Kimmitt said. (AP)

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World

Libyan's Remarks Draw Fire

P.M. says payments to Pan-Am 103 families was a bid to 'buy peace'

WASHINGTON | A Bush administration plan to let Americans travel to Libya again was thrown off track Tuesday when Moammar Gadhafi's prime minister said his government had not accepted responsibility for blowing up Pan Am flight 103.

Libya acknowledged last August, in a letter to the U.N. Security Council, its responsibility for the 1988 bombing of the jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people, including 181 Americans.

Prime Minister Shokri Ghanem told the BBC that Libya's government agreed to pay \$2.7 billion in compensation to the victims' families to improve relations with the West and to secure the lifting of U.N. sanctions. Asked if the payment did not mean Libya had accepted guilt for the bombing, Ghanem replied: "I agree with that, and this is why I say we bought peace."

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the United States had demanded retraction of the minister's remarks.

The White House had been expected to remove on Tuesday a 23-year-old ban on use of U.S. passports for travel to Libya in response to Libyan leader Gadhafi's promise to end his country's nuclear weapons program. BARRY SCHWEID (AP)



A Moroccan family crowds into the back of a van in the village of Im Zourem after a magnitude 6.5 earthquake hit northern Morocco on Tuesday. Official estimates put the death toll of the quake, which was felt across the Strait of Gibraltar, at 564.

At Least 550 Perish as Quake Rocks Morocco

Rescuers try to reach northern villages hit by magnitude 6.5 tremor

AL HOCEIMA, MOROCCO | A strong earthquake early Tuesday rocked a picturesque but impoverished region of northern Morocco, killing more than 550 people and laying ruin to several villages.

The official MAP news agency put the death toll at 564. The toll climbed steadily throughout the day as rescuers began reaching the hard-hit areas, officials said.

The quake shook rural areas near the coastal city of Al Hoceima, an isolated hideaway tucked between the Rif Mountains and the Mediterranean Sea.

The 6.5-magnitude quake struck at about 2:30 a.m. local time while most residents were sleeping. Authorities scrambled to reach about a half-dozen remote villages where 36,000 people live in mud and stone structures unable to withstand a powerful quake.

Rescuers reported difficulties in reaching the stricken area, which is served by narrow, poor roads. French LCI television showed men with pickaxes chipping their way through debris while others used their bare hands to try to reach trapped victims.

The quake — which reverberated across the Strait of Gibraltar — was felt across much of southern Spain, but no damage or injuries were reported there. ALI NAJI (AP)

U.N. Says Iran Hid Nuke Experiments

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | U.N. inspectors have uncovered evidence of nuclear experiments that Tehran did not previously disclose, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Tuesday in a report warning the country anew to come clean.

The dossier, a copy of which was obtained by the AP, dealt Tehran a setback in its efforts to persuade the world that its nuclear program is peaceful and that it is fully cooperating with the U.N. agency.

IAEA inspectors combed Iran for evidence of a weapons program found signs of polonium, a radioactive element that can help trigger a nuclear chain reaction, the report said. Iran never mentioned working with polonium-210 in earlier declarations of its past and present nuclear activities, it said.

Polonium-210 also can be used to generate electricity, which Iran contends is the sole purpose of its atomic program. (AP)

HEARSAY | LOGIC

"I am not gay, but I respect the rights of gays and lesbians. ... [They] would not exist if God did not create them."

— KING NORODOM SIHANOUK OF CAMBODIA
ASSERTING HIS SUPPORT FOR GAY MARRIAGE
IN A STATEMENT POSTED ON HIS WEB SITE.
THE 81-YEAR-OLD MONARCH HAS NO EXECUTIVE POWER BUT IS HIGHLY RESPECTED. GAY MARRIAGE IS NOT PERMITTED IN CAMBODIA.

Agency Ponders Steps to Resolve D.C.'s Water Woes

WASHINGTON | Unable to pinpoint the causes of increased lead contamination, officials who supply the water for the nation's capital mulled their options Tuesday.

In addition to considering stepped up replacement of lead water lines, members of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority board are considering postponing other major projects to make more personnel and resources available to replace the pipes.

Agency officials discussed several options Tuesday, including accelerating replacement of the lines within five years at a cost of just over \$351 million dollars.

WASA also announced Tuesday it completed testing at all buildings operated by D.C. Public Schools. Of 700 samples taken, eight exceeded the 15 parts per billion level considered safe under federal Environmental Protection Agency standards. The elevated levels were found in water fountains and sinks, prompting officials to recommend replacement of the equipment. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

The Lotteries

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Mid-day Pick 4	2-7-8-8
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Md. to Consider Gay Marriage Ban

Hearing comes in wake of President Bush's call for new amendment

COLLEGE PARK, MD. | Bills that would amend the state constitution to ban same-sex marriages and invalidate licenses obtained by Marylanders outside the state are scheduled to be reviewed by state lawmakers on Wednesday.

The hearing comes a day after President Bush called for a federal constitutional amendment outlawing gay marriage in the wake of San Francisco's decision to issue licenses to same sex-couples and court rulings in Massachusetts that pave the way for gay marriages.

Maryland law currently states

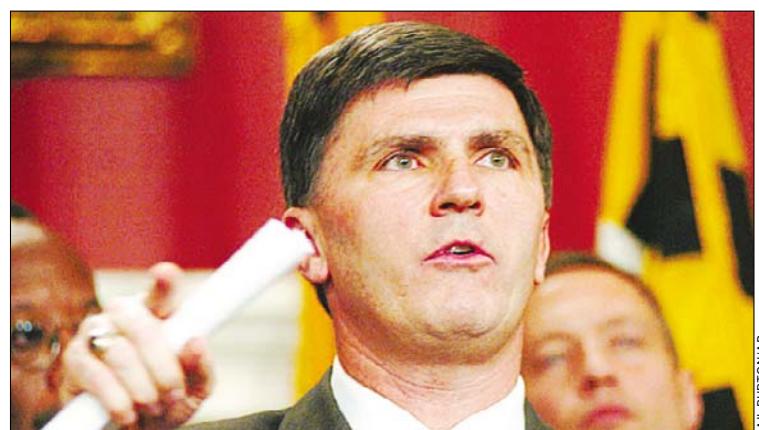
that "only a marriage between a man and woman" is valid.

The possibility of judicial rulings that could weaken the law, combined with the recent wave of marriages in California, prompted state lawmakers to propose the two bills the Judiciary Committee will hear Wednesday.

Delegate Charles Boutin, a Harford County Republican, introduced a bill that calls for an amendment of the state constitution that would state only marriages between men and women are valid.

The second bill, sponsored by Delegate Emmett Burns, D-Baltimore County, would make marriage licenses that are given in other states invalid in Maryland.

STEPHEN MANNING (AP)



GAIL BURTON/AP

Gov. Robert Ehrlich announces on Wednesday that he will prepare legislation that could lead to a takeover of the troubled school system in Baltimore, Md.

Ehrlich Mulls Takeover Of Baltimore Schools

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | The state's offer to bail out Baltimore schools remains on the table, but Gov. Robert Ehrlich has notified the city school board that his administration will prepare emergency legislation that could include putting the school system in receivership, the governor announced Tuesday.

The news followed the release of a financial report that showed schools were \$75 million in the red at the end of last month, millions more than school officials reported last week.

Meanwhile, Robert Neall, the school system's volunteer financial adviser who resigned in frustration at the lack of progress, met late Tuesday with the city's legislative delegation and will work with the city's school officials, an Ehrlich spokesman said.

The governor emphasized he is not asking for a state takeover of the school board, but said he wouldn't allow its members to obstruct "Sen. Neall or some other turnaround agent coming in here and fixing this problem." GRETCHEN PARKER (AP)

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Money

Age Discrimination Law Not for Young

High Court rules that statute is intended to protect older workers

WASHINGTON | Age has its benefits, the Supreme Court said Tuesday, ruling that younger workers can't sue their employers when older colleagues get preferential treatment.

In a 6-3 decision that affects tens of millions of workers, the justices said the law that protects older employees from age discrimination doesn't apply in reverse.

The Supreme Court ruled in a case brought in 1997 by about 200 General Dynamics Corp. workers, all in their 40s, who claimed they suffered a type of reverse discrimination because they were too young

to get benefits being offered to colleagues age 50 and over.

The workers, who had the backing of the Bush administration, claimed they were protected by the 1967 Age Discrimination in Employment Act, which forbids age discrimination of any worker 40 or older.

Justice David H. Souter, the decision's author, wrote: "In a world where younger is better, talk about discrimination because of age is naturally understood to refer to discrimination against the older.... The enemy of 40 is 30, not 50."

Dennis Cline, one of the workers in the case, said the ruling will hurt people in their 40s and 50s, who are easy targets for corporate cuts. GINA HOLLAND (AP)

SINCE YOU ASKED

Q How can I find information to gauge the likelihood a charity will put my money to good use?

A No matter how passionate you may feel about a particular cause, making a charitable donation can feel a bit like dropping your money into a black hole.

Even if there's no fear of outright waste or scandal, it's hard not to wonder whether the money will be used responsibly and in the way you might envision.

Upon request, many charities will supply key information such as a breakdown on what portion of every dollar goes to the organization's grass-roots purpose as opposed to administrative expenses, pay for top officials, fund-raising and marketing.

But rarely is such information volunteered in mailings and telephone solicitations.

The Internet has made it far easier to fill in these gaps, thanks to a variety of Web sites that monitor and even rate charities, and that also provide news, general tips on giving and other tools.

Some helpful Web sites, all run by nonprofit organizations:

→ The BBB Wise Giving Alliance, an affiliate of the Council of Better Business Bureaus.
→ CharityNavigator.org.
→ The American Institute of Philanthropy.

Some precautions also are available from the Federal Trade Commission. BRUCE MEYERSON (AP)

Eminem Sues Apple Over Use Of 'Lose Yourself'

DETROIT | Rapper Eminem's music publisher is suing Apple Computer Inc., claiming the company used one of the hip-hop superstar's songs in a television ad without permission.

Eight Mile Style filed the copyright infringement suit Friday against Apple, Viacom Inc., its MTV

subsidiary — which aired the ad, the suit claims — and the TBWA/Chiat/Day advertising agency.


At issue is an ad for Apple's iTunes pay-per-download music software, in which a 10-year-old sings Eminem's Grammy-winning "Lose Yourself."

Eminem has never nationally endorsed any commercial products, according to the lawsuit. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Omnova	5.29	+.67	+14.5
Lubys	4.27	+.45	+11.8
Dycom	25.13	+2.30	+10.1
SonicAut	24.60	+2.05	+9.1
NL Ind s	14.72	+1.16	+8.6

Losers

GoodrPet	9.00	-1.20	-11.8
RotoRooter	52.50	-6.20	-10.6
WHX	3.13	-.27	-7.9
Calpine	5.31	-.42	-7.3
MidwGm	5.24	-.39	-6.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.0625
3-month	0.94	0.90
2-year	1.64	1.68
10-year	4.03	4.04
30-year	4.90	4.91

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Monolithic	12.97	+.59	+85.3
ACS Tc80	6.23	+1.92	+44.5
AndrGr	8.51	+1.51	+21.6
NoCntFn	2.04	+.36	+21.4
NtScout	7.89	+1.36	+20.8

Losers

Novatel	13.22	-5.12	-27.9
OdysseyHs	20.32	-7.11	-25.9
ClinicDat	17.51	-5.19	-22.9
AksysL	8.00	-1.92	-19.4
SciClone	6.11	-1.39	-18.5

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5292	.5372	.6309
Canadian Dollar	1.3297	1.3363	1.4889
European Euro	.7881	.7982	.9267
Japanese Yen	108.09	108.69	117.92
Mexican Peso	11.0760	11.0620	10.9855
Taiwanese Dollar	33.30	33.29	34.77

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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	42.92	-.92	-8.3
Comcast	29.82	+.31	-9.1
Comc sp	28.90	+.20	-7.6
CoxCom	32.90	+.06	-4.5
Disney	25.96	-.79	+11.3
Fox Ent	28.14	-.31	-3.5
Gannett	88.03	+1.23	-1.3
HughesEl	17.10	+.21	+3.3
LibtyMA	10.92	-.11	-8.2
LibtyMB	11.60	-.40	-15.9
NewsCorp	37.28	+.31	+3.3
Thomson	30.71	+.26	-15.3
TimeWarn	17.30	-.22	-3.8
Viacom	39.24	+.39	-11.4
ViacomB	38.99	+.37	-12.1

In Brief

PARMALAT UPDATE

U.S. Unit of Dairy Giant Files For Bankruptcy Protection

Parmalat USA Corp., the U.S. subsidiary of fraud-ridden dairy giant Parmalat Finanziaria, on Tuesday filed for bankruptcy reorganization protection, saying it needs financing quickly but will continue operating normally. Managers at Wallington, N.J.-based Parmalat USA will work with a financial adviser on long-term solutions, which include the possible sale of its U.S. dairy business, the company said. (AP)

MUTUAL FUNDS

FleetBoston Mutual Funds Accused of Trading Abuses

FleetBoston Financial Corp.'s two mutual fund subsidiaries on Tuesday were accused by regulators of widespread trading abuses. New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and the Securities and Exchange Commission alleged that over a five-year period, Fleet's Columbia Management Advisors and Columbia Funds Distributor allowed short-term trading by large investors at the expense of more traditional, long-term investors. (AP)

Pulling the Shades Over Windows XP

Bill Gates outlines plans for fortifying vulnerable systems

SAN FRANCISCO | Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates, whose company's software is often derided for being buggy and vulnerable to hackers, showed off planned features on Tuesday for shoring up its programs and heading off cyberattacks.

Progress is being made against viruses, network attacks and sloppy code that make systems vulnerable, but much work remains, he said.

Speaking to thousands of security experts at the RSA Computer Security Conference, Gates showed off an upcoming Windows XP update that focuses on security improvements. Service Pack 2 includes a centralized control center where users can automatically check their computer's security status, such as whether all critical updates have been applied or whether antivirus software is running.



Microsoft's Bill Gates unveiled his plans Tuesday at the RSA Conference.

Unlike earlier Windows releases, Microsoft's firewall software — which blocks intruders from entering a system — will be turned on as part of the default installation.

Among other features, Gates also showed off "active protection technologies" that will gird Windows computers against attacks by sensing changes in the network that indicate virus activity. If a problem is detected, the computer's firewall will ratchet up defenses.

MATTHEW FORDAHL (AP)



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THE (SOMETIMES) EASY WAY TO SELL ON EBAY

There's an alternative to selling your stuff on eBay — hire a company to do it for you. Four were tested by The Wall Street Journal. Here's how they fared:

ELEPHANT CENTS | Philadelphia

FEES: \$8 per item, plus 25 percent of the final sale.

WHAT SOLD: Swatch watch (\$76).

BIGGEST SNAFU: Described watch design as Russian, even though the Taj Mahal was depicted on its face and the watch's model name is "Dehli."

COMMENTS: Staff's knack for appraisals was impressive. We were warned that certain items wouldn't sell — and they were right, they didn't.

AUCTION WAGON | West Hollywood, Calif.

FEES: 20 percent of item's final selling price, or \$15 minimum commission.

WHAT SOLD: Camera lens (\$92).

BIGGEST SNAFU: Store's unresponsiveness: It took eight days and three calls before the store posted our item.

COMMENTS: Partially made up for its slow response time with a lively ad for our camera lens that promised bidders a "killer deal."

AUCTIONDROP | San Rafael, Calif.

FEES: Sliding scale: from 38 percent of the first \$200, to 20 percent on anything over \$500.

WHAT SOLD: Men's leather jacket (\$41) and Calvin Klein suit (\$31).



BIGGEST SNAFU: Store rejected the hurricane lamps because one was chipped.

COMMENTS: Best overall service: store let us eavesdrop on bidding.

QUIKDROP | Huntington Beach, Calif.

FEES: Ranges from 38 percent of the first \$200, to 20 percent on anything over \$500.

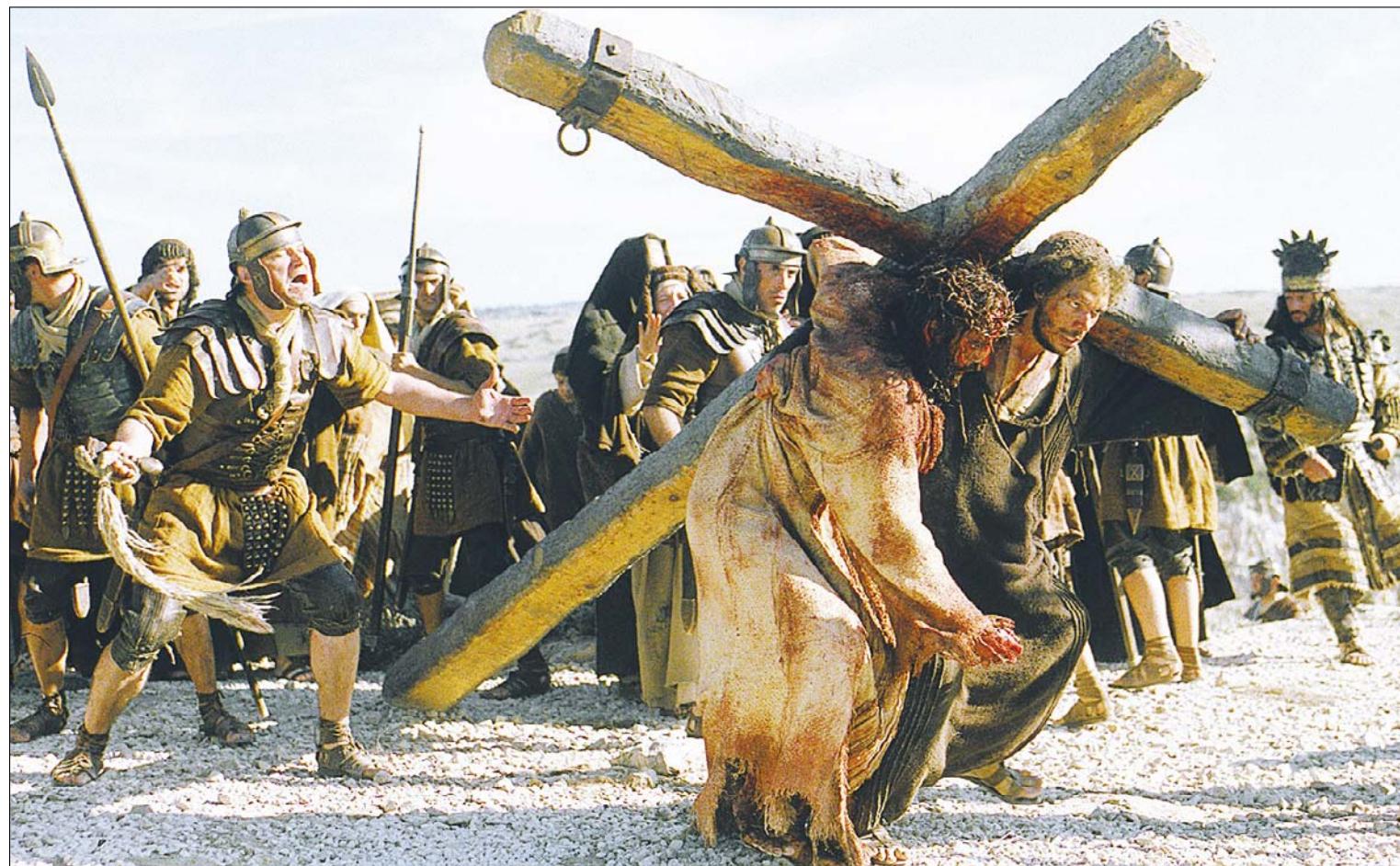
WHAT SOLD: Two pair of pants (\$61.50), backpack (\$36), boom box (\$30), Coach wallet (\$13), slippers (\$5.50).

BIGGEST SNAFU: Store was unmanned when we showed up to drop off our items, even though it was during business hours.

COMMENTS: We not only had to badger the store to post our items, but even had to come up with our own listing prices.

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Entertainment



HE AIN'T HEAVY: Jerreh Merz's Simon of Cyrene, right, gives Jim Caviezel's Jesus a hand with a heavy burden in the much-anticipated "Passion of the Christ."

The Gospel According to Mel

Brutality overwhelms the message in Gibson's controversial film

FILM | "The Passion of the Christ" is one of the dubious things that happen when you wish for greater courage and intensity of vision from commercial filmmakers.

Whatever one's opinion of the result, it's possible to admire Mel Gibson's focused tenacity in conceiving and steering this willfully provocative depiction of the last 12 hours of Jesus Christ's life into multiplexes.

Gibson's film doesn't skimp on violence — and it is here that the good news is swamped by the bad. For "The Passion of the Christ" is relentlessly, overwhelmingly and egregiously brutal both to its protagonist and its audience's senses.

Gibson bears down on the grisly, horrific details of Christ's physical mutilation and torment practically at the expense of any

wider context.

When, for instance, Christ (Jim Caviezel) is gleefully whipped by Roman soldiers, it isn't enough to merely strip away layers of his back with switches. They take out what looks to be a cat-of-nine-tails with hooks and apply them to his legs and torso. When the time comes for crucifixion, one of the Roman soldiers insists on showing his raw recruits how to do it right by pulling an arm from its socket, hammering in the nail and bending it back

to hold it firmly down.

Writing all this down is awful. Imagine what it's like to watch.

Where is the "tolerance, love and forgiveness" that Gibson has promised his audience? Where, beyond some furtive snatches of backstory, is the buoyant embrace of life and hope that Christ's message represents to millions?

The movie starts off in the garden of Gethsemane where Christ, aware of the desperate tribulations he's about to face, prays

beneath a full moon. Judas (Luca Lionello) arrives with Jewish temple guards who almost immediately begin punching, slapping and trussing Christ.

Brought before Jewish priests for a late-night tribunal, Christ, his right eye already swollen shut, confesses to being the son of God and is sent to Pontius Pilate (played by Hristo Naumov Shopov in the manner of a world-weary police chief) for sentencing.

Most readers know what happens next, but, as you might have heard, there's much dispute over the way the movie handles the details up to this point. The question of whether the Jewish priests or Roman politicians bear full culpability for Jesus' death is big and too delicate for a mere movie to resolve. Which is probably just as well.

GENE SEYMOUR (NEWSDAY)

FAITH, FILM AND FEELINGS

The Avalon Theater, 5612 Connecticut Ave. NW (www.theavalon.org) has planned several panels for discussion and exploration of the film and the events that inspired it. All discussions are after the 7 p.m. screenings.

• Wed., Feb 25:

Interactive dialogue/interfaith clergy; moderator Clark Lobenstine.

• Mon., March 1:

"The Challenge of Portraying Religion on Film"; local filmmakers.

• Wed., March 3:

Interactive dialogue/interfaith clergy; moderator TBA.

• Thu., March 4:

"The Passion and the Bible," with Catholic and Jewish scholars.

Today's Top Stops

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Prison Stories: 'Deathwatch'

I The Actors' Theatre of Washington and Washington Shakespeare Company join forces for a powerful and disturbing production of Jean Genet's "Deathwatch." The violence, eroticism and poeticism of prison life is explored in Genet's claustrophobic work. Through March 20.

Warehouse Theater, Second Stage, 1021 7th St. NW; tonight's performance 8:30 p.m., \$20; 800-494-8497. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

Nijinsky Hijinks: Hamburg Ballet Debuts

2 John Neumeier, artistic director and chief choreographer for the Hamburg Ballet, has brought the venerable troupe to the Kennedy Center for the first time with a striking new staging of "Nijinsky," Neumeier's uncompromising ballet about the renowned dancer's descent from genius. Through Feb. 29.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; tonight's performance 7:30 p.m., \$27-\$97; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

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Otto Bubenick in Nijinsky's "Afternoon of a Faun" guise.

HOLGER BAUDRICK

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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Virtuoso Next Door:**Van Cliburn**

3 Van Cliburn, icon to pushy mothers and bane of children forced to slog through piano scales because "You could be the next Van Cliburn, sweetie," performs on behalf of the Humane Society's 50th anniversary.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 8 p.m., \$19-\$69; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)



In retrospect, there's no way we could have become the next Van Cliburn.

On the Rebound

Jen Chapin's band dumped her; that's when her career began

PERSONALITY | With an Ivy League education and experience as a teacher and hunger activist, a career in music wasn't necessarily Jen Chapin's first choice.

Then the funk-inspired party band that she sang with dumped her, and the rejection stung far more than she anticipated.

"I'd always been involved in music as a hobby and I just realized it was more crucial to my life than that," she said. "I didn't want to be that dispensable. It made me dig in and decide to study music a bit more."

Chapin, 32, makes her national CD debut today with "Linger," a singer-songwriter set influenced by jazz and soul. The disc's title comes from "Little Hours," its first song and most memorable melody about resisting the urge to hurry through life.

Along with love songs, Chapin sings about soulless teenage boys, a childhood friend who died at the World Trade Center and the



A TALENT THAT LINGERS: Late-blooming singer-songwriter Jen Chapin makes jazz- and soul-inflected music out of memories, images and observations.

It's a Sin: 'Footloose'

4 When rock 'n' roll comes to a small town, well, it could lead to dancing. At least that's the idea behind "Footloose," the inexplicably popular '80s big-screen musical turned into a touring stage musical. Now the song's going through your head, isn't it? Ours too. Through Feb. 29.

Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville; tonight's performance 8 p.m., \$10; 301-279-5301.

Tough as Old Boots: Jerry Jeff Walker

5 Outlaw rocker and teller of gritty tales, Jerry Jeff Walker has a few lives in him yet. The respect he brings to other people's songs and the hard-won insights of his own have made the "Gypsy Cowboy" a living treasure.

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$35; 703-218-6500.

Hip Lit: ZZ Packer

6 ZZ Packer's Gen Y stories are the new Doug Coupland Gen X stories, only not. The author signs "Drinking Coffee Elsewhere," tales of the young and jaded.

Olsson's, 7647 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda; 7 p.m., free, 301-652-3336.

vastness of her adopted New York City. In "Passive People," she gently prods a disengaged citizenry to get involved in their country.

Chapin's dad, the late folk singer Harry Chapin, would have loved that song. Chapin heads the board of directors for World Hunger Year, a nonprofit organization founded by her father.

Although Chapin used one of her father's old guitars on "Linger," he had less to do with her musical upbringing than her older brothers' disco records. Harry Chapin died in a car accident in 1981, before his daughter became a teenager, but his legacy lives on.

"I'll do a show in a coffee house before 20 people, and 15 of them will be Harry Chapin fans," she said. "I'm really looking forward to that changing, but that's the way it's been so far. I really can't complain; it's part of who I am."

One of the most personal, and specific, songs on Chapin's CD is "Hurry Up Sky," dedicated to her friend, Kristy Ryan, who worked on the 104th floor of the North tower at the World Trade Center.

The song, and Chapin's album, may never have happened if it hadn't been for that old band that decided to break up, then reform without her. It was ultimately a motivator.

"I pity the people who have never had the blow to the ego, who have never been dumped," she said. **DAVID BAUDER (AP)**

Purple Makes a Comeback

The reclusive Prince may be planning to storm the music world

RETURNS | In lyrics, Prince has never been as cryptic as, say, fellow Minnesota native Bob Dylan ("Darling Nikki," for instance, can never be criticized for ambiguity), but for years his career path has been a different matter. From his bold and eclectic experimentations to his frustrating disappearing acts from the pop scene, Prince has kept his fans guessing.

When Prince opened the 46th annual Grammy Awards earlier this month, looking and sounding much like he did in the 1980s, more

than a few of his fans probably shook their head and wondered, "What happened to this guy?"

Maybe 2004 will be the year that brings Prince back to the mainstream scene. This year marks the 20th anniversary of his paisley-and-funk masterpiece "Purple Rain," and next month he will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He has been playing the old hits with verve at club dates in San Francisco and Los Angeles (including a post-Grammys performance at the House of Blues) and on Tuesday he drops by the El Rey Theatre — not to play, but to stage a news conference of undetermined intent. The popular



His purple majesty dressed the part at the Grammys.

assumption, though, is that it will be the announcement of a U.S. tour called "Musicology." As of Monday, arena shows in Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Louisiana are on sale via Ticketmaster.

The other intriguing talk is that Prince used his Grammy swing through town to visit with numerous record executives. Foxnews.com reported that one of his potential suitors was Warner Music Group, which, if true, is nothing less than shocking considering the singer's blood feud with the label where he said he was "a slave" by the time his 13-year relationship there came to an end.

Warner Music officials would not confirm or deny any overtures. But one of them responded to the question with a reaction any pop fan would understand. "Prince? Wow. There's a name you don't hear every day." **GEOFF BOUCHER (AP)**

The Land of Zed's Type A

TRANSLATION | Riding high on the success of its Golden Globe-winning mockumentary "The Office," BBC America is introducing U.S. audiences to yet another contemporary British series set in the workplace.

It's called "Trust," a witty, six-part drama about a syndrome also familiar to many Americans — the seduction of work and its impact on personal life. It debuts at 7 p.m. Saturday.

"It's your basic tale of a man in pursuit of happiness," says Robson Green, the British TV actor who plays a corporate lawyer spending too much time at the office — a choice that threatens his marriage.



Robson Green plays a man possessed by work in the British series "Trust."

The "Trust" set includes high-tech offices and sleek boardrooms, where a glamorous team of London attorneys juggle their private desires with their professional duties.

The "Trust" cast includes Sarah Parish, Ian McShane and Chiwetel Ejiofor, who starred in "Dirty Pretty Things," which is nominated for an original screenplay Oscar.

Green, 39, is also appearing in the second season of the BBC America crime series "Wire in the Blood" as a clinical psychologist who helps police hunt for serial killers. Previously, he was in the British romantic drama "Reckless" and the detective series "Touching Evil," both of which also aired on PBS.

Green says he got the role in "Trust" as a result of critical acclaim for the 2001 British wife-swapping miniseries "Take Me."

BRIDGET BYRNE (AP)

ON TV TONIGHT

THE BRIDE WORE BLACK

THE BACHELORETTE (9 p.m., ABC) Down to two, Meredith must take reserved Ian and taciturn Matthew to meet the folks. During the last "Bachelor," Bob Guiney took one look at the "Twin Peaks" atmosphere in moody Meredith's home and hightailed it for the sunnier shores of Kelly Jo's beach house. Meredith will likely be spending less time at the graveyard this season.



VENGEFUL VEEP On **THE WEST WING** (9 p.m., NBC), a book by disgraced former veep Hoynes (Tim Matheson) promises to become a publicity disaster as President Bartlet is rudely reminded of why he took the former rival under his wing.

A HAUNTING REFRAIN

AMERICAN MASTERS (9 p.m., PBS) Judy Garland didn't live long enough to write her memoirs, but she recorded notes for her book on a tape recorder. These observations form the narrative for the original documentary "Judy Garland: By Myself," which draws upon a generous helping of film, archival interviews and studio publicity sources. Required viewing for Garland's legion of fans and students of entertainment history.

MEANING CONGRESS

60 MINUTES II (8 p.m., CBS) A wild place where gorillas have never encountered humans.

PASSIVE? WHEN?

THE APPRENTICE (8 p.m., NBC) Omarosa takes her passive-aggressive routine to a whole new level. KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	A&E	City Confidential	□	American Justice		Biography "Natalie Wood"		Amer. Justice		City Confidential	□		Third Watch
BASIC CABLE	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter	□	Animals	Animals	Most Extreme "Oddities"		Crocodile Hunter Diaries		Animal Cops Houston	□		Most Extreme "Oddities"
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		BET com	The Parkers	The Parkers	Music	I'm Living		Comicview		Nightly News	I'm Living
	Bravo	(4:30) "Life Is Beautiful"		The West Wing	□	★★★ "Pollock" (2000, Drama) Ed Harris, Marcia Gay Harden, 'R'				West Wing		The West Wing	□
	Comedy	Late Night	□	Daily Show	Mad TV (N)	□	Trigger	Insomniac	South Park	South Park	Chappelle's	Daily Show	Tough Crowd
	Court	Profiler "Crisis"	□	Cops	□	Cops	□	The Take	Forensic	Psychic De	Power, Privilege & Justice	NYPD Blue	□
	Discovery	Prison Boot Camp	□	The FBI Files "Dishonored"		Who Killed Jesus?	□	JFK: Death in Dealey Plaza		Build-Airport		Who Killed Jesus?	□
	DISCH	Rescue 911	Rescue 911	Paramedics		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Diagnosis: Unknown		Houdini: Medical Secrets		Dr. G: Medical Examiner	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Lizzie	★★ "Full-Court Miracle" (2003) Alex D. Linz, '□'			Sister, Sister	Boy World	Kim Possible	Proud Family	
	E!	Rank	E! News (N)	Style Star	Lara Flynn Boyle: THS		Anna Bares All		Celebrities Uncensored		Howard Stern	Howard Stern	
	FX	Cops	□	★★★ ½ "Die Hard" (1988) Bruce Willis. An officer single-handedly takes on a band of terrorists.					Todd TV (N)			Todd TV	
SPAN.	HGTV	Before Aft	Building	Curb Appeal	House	House Detect	Before Aft	Weekend	Mission	Curb Appeal	Curb Appeal	Dream House	Restore
	Family	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven	□	★★ ½ "Office Space" (1999) Ron Livingston, '□'			Whose Line?	Whose Line?		The 700 Club	□
	History	True Crime Authors	□	Modern Marvels	□	Modern Marvels	□	Modern Marvels "Bullets"	Modern Marvels	□		Modern Marvels "The M-16"	
	Lifetime	The Nanny	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	The Nanny	★★ "Kidnapped in Paradise" (1999) Joely Fisher, '□'				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	MTV	Music Videos	□	Direct Effect	□	MTV Cribs	□	Carmen-Dave	Newlywed	Newlywed	Carmen-Dave	Room Rdr	Room Rdr
	NICK	Rocket	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne	□
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1	□	★★ ½ "Mr. Murder" (1999, Horror) Stephen Baldwin. A mystery writer must prove he has a murderous double. '□'								"Another Day" (2001)	□
	SPIKE	Real TV	□	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		★★★ "The Terminator" (1984) Arnold Schwarzenegger.				Sports Illustrated Swimsuit	
	TBS	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	□	Friends	□	Seinfeld	□	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	★★★ "Grosse Pointe Blank" (1997) (PA) John Cusack.			
	TLC	Clean Sweep	□	In a Fix	□	What Not to Wear at Work		For Better or for Worse	□	Date Patrol "Faye"	□	What Not to Wear at Work	
SPORTS	TNT	Charmed	□	Law & Order "Bad Girl"	□	Law & Order "Standoff"	□	Law & Order	□ (DVS)	★★ "Bad Apple" (2004) Chris Noth, Colm Meaney, '□'			
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger	□	JAG	□ (Part 1 of 2)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Monk	□	Law & Order	
	VHI	More Celebrity Breakups	□	InsideOut	□	Awesomely Bad Girls	□	Fabulous Life	InsideOut "Leah Remini"	□	Best Week	Fabulous Life	Supermodels
	TELEM	Corte-Pueblo	Noticiero	Pasión de Gavilanes		Amor Descarado		El Alma Herida		Mujeres Apasionadas		Noticiero Tel.	Fútbol
	UNIV	Viviana	Noticiero	Amar Otra Vez		Velo de Novia		Bajo la Misma Piel		Don Francisco Presenta		Impacto	Noticiero
	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)	□	College Basketball	North Carolina State at Georgia Tech.		NBA Basketball	Cleveland Cavaliers at Houston Rockets. (Live)	□			SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	2003 World Series of Poker		World Series	NHL Hockey	Tampa Bay Lightning at Atlanta Thrashers. (Live)	□		NHL 2Night	Figure Skating: Burt Bacharach Tribute			
	CSN	NASCAR	SportsNite	NHL Hockey	Carolina Hurricanes at Washington Capitals. (Live)		Postgame		SportsNite	College Basketball: UCLA at USC			
	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight	□	Anderson Cooper 360	□	Paula Zahn Now	□	Larry King Live	□	NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
	FNC	Special Report (Live)	□	Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor	□	Hannity & Colmes	□	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor	
MOVIES	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live)	□	Countdown-Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball	□
	AMC	(5:15) ★★★ "Nevada Smith" (1966) Steve McQueen. 'NR'		★★ ½ "Midway" (1976, Drama) Charlton Heston, Henry Fonda, James Coburn. 'PG'								(10:55) "Wing and a Prayer"	
	TCM	(:15) ★★ ½ "Torpedo Run" (1958) Glenn Ford. 'NR'	□	★★ ½ "The Birds" (1963) Rod Taylor. 'PG-13'								(:15) ★★★ ½ "The Time Machine" (1960) Rod Taylor. 'G'	
	HBO	(5:30) ★★★ "Two Much" (1996) □ 'PG-13'		Beah: A Black Woman Speaks (N)	□	Sex and-City		Curb-Enthsm	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:15) Real Time	□	
	MAX	True Lies 'R'	(:20)	★★★ "One Hour Photo" (2002) 'R'		★★★ "RoboCop" (1987) Peter Weller. 'R'		Harry Potter	★★ "Basic" (2003) John Travolta. 'R'	□		Best Sex	
	SHO	(:15) "Deacons for Defense" (2003) Forest Whitaker. 'R'		(:15) ★★ ½ "Barbershop" (2002) Ice Cube. 'PG-13'	□				Soul Food "Pagan Poetry"	□	The L Word	Filmmaker	
	TMC	Mr. Saturday	"No Place Like Home" (2001) Alana Austin.		★ ½ "Crossroads" (2002) Britney Spears.		(:35) ★★★ ½ "Awakenings" (1990) Robin Williams. '□'				Hollywood		
	STARZ!	"Lone Star State of Mind"	(:05) ★★ "Bringing Down the House" (2003) 'PG-13'		★ ½ "The Lizzie McGuire Movie" (2003)								
	ENCORE	(:15) ★★★ "About a Boy" (2002) Hugh Grant. □ 'PG-13'		★★ ½ "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" (2001) Elijah Wood. '□'							On the Set	Blue Steel 'R'	

Cars

Malibu Maxxes Out

ROAD TEST | There's a new kind of Malibu for 2004 — a five-door hatchback called the Malibu Maxx.

The new Malibu rides on an improved platform for a better ride and has a more powerful V6 than its predecessor, as well as a comfortable, five-passenger interior with driver-seat height adjustment.

As the roomiest hatchback auto on the market, the Maxx offers an unheard-of 41 inches of rear legroom, standard skylights in the rear-seat ceiling and a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$22,225.

All Malibu Maxxes come with the top engine — a 200-horsepower, 3.5-liter V6 whose design uses overhead valves rather than the more modern dual overhead cam technology of the Accord and Camry V6s.



THE SUM OF ITS PARTS: The Malibu Maxx is part Saab, yet 100 percent Chevy.

The test Malibu with four-speed automatic transmission ran smoothly, with satisfying engine sounds easily heard inside the vehicle.

The new Malibu uses a version of the car platform that's in the European-tuned Opel Vectra and Saab 9-3. Chevy's parent company, General Motors Corp., operates

Opel in Europe and controls Swedish automaker Saab.

But don't expect the '04 Malibu to ride like a sporty German car or a Saab. It doesn't.

Overall, the car conveyed a

2004 MALIBU LS MAXX

TYPE: Front-engine, front-wheel-drive, five-passenger, large hatchback

ENGINE: 3.5 L, overhead valve V6

TRANSMISSION: Four-speed automatic

WHEELBASE: 112.3 inches

HORSEPOWER: 200 hp

TORQUE: 220 foot-pounds at 3,200 rpm

WEIGHT: 3,458 pounds

LENGTH: 187.8 inches

MILEAGE: 22 mpg city, 30 mpg highway

PRICE AS TESTED: \$23,150

BASE PRICE: \$21,600

Baby Carrots On Board

OPTIONS | Drivers surveyed by a Michigan market researcher think cars ought to have some way to cook food.

Asked to name items they thought were lacking in modern cars, many of the 240 focus group respondents told researchers from the RDA Group of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., that they wanted ways to keep food and drinks cold or hot.

"Some are even looking for the means to do some light cooking," said Jim Thomas of RDA.

Although small warmers and coolers are available, an on-board oven might be over the line, said Russ Rader of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

"The driver should be paying attention to driving," Rader said, "not whether the pizza is done or not." TOM INCANTALUPO (NEWSDAY)

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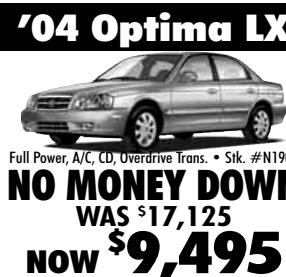
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Cars



OOPS: The 2002 Chevy Avalanche is being investigated for tailgate incidents.

No Party for GM Tailgates

FLAWS | The government is investigating reports that tailgates are falling off the back of General Motors Corp. pickup trucks without warning.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on Monday said it is looking at the GMC Sierra from model years 1999-2002; the Chevrolet Silverado from model years 1999-2003; the 2002 Cadillac

truck and the 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche.

Consumers have reported numerous injuries due to the alleged defect, NHTSA said. It appears that support cables can break due to metal fatigue, but consumers can't see if they're worn because they're covered with a plastic sheath.

NHTSA investigations sometimes lead to vehicle recalls. (AP)



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Sports

Source: Bailey-Portis Deal 'Imminent'

Redskins release Armstead, Smith to save cash

PRO FOOTBALL | A trade that would send four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey from Washington to Denver for running back Clinton Portis became "imminent" Tuesday after the Broncos re-signed middle linebacker Al Wilson, an NFL source told The Associated Press.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Broncos had wanted to sign Wilson to see how much money they had available before starting serious negotiations with Bailey's agent, Jack Reale.

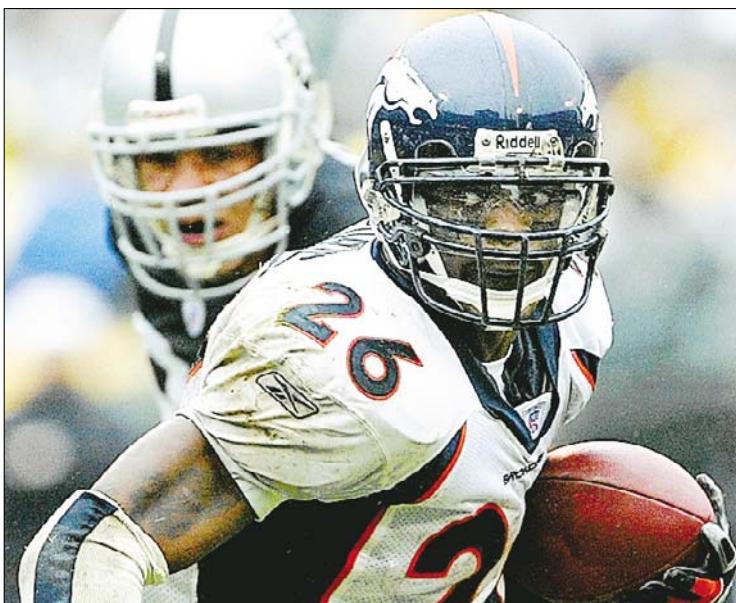
"It makes it imminent," the source said. "All that's required is for Reale to make a contract agreement with Denver."

Reale did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Denver would also receive Washington's second-round selection in April's draft, the source said. That would leave the Redskins with just two picks in this year's draft.

The Redskins opened some salary cap space Tuesday by cutting four veterans: defensive end Bruce Smith, linebacker Jessie Armstead, punter Bryan Barker and defensive tackle Lionel Dalton.

Portis, who rushed for 1,591 yards last season, has two years remaining on the contract he signed as a second-round draft pick in 2002. Displeased with the \$300,000 he made last season, he has hinted he might be a holdout when training camp starts unless the Broncos rework his deal. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



JEFF CHIU/AP

According to a source, Clinton Portis is close to becoming a Washington Redskin. All that is left to complete a trade is for Champ Bailey to reach a deal with Denver.

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JOSE MANUEL RIBEIRO/REUTERS

FIRE BREATH: A reveler dressed as a Portuguese soccer fan spits fire during Tuesday's Carnival parade in Arcos de Valdevez, Portugal. The parade has a soccer theme celebrating the upcoming Euro 2004 Soccer Championship.



TORCH BEARER: Angelina Jolie has agreed to run a stage of the Olympic torch relay on the day before the Olympic games begin, Athens organizers said Tuesday. The Olympics will be held Aug. 13-29. (AP)

LIVE ONLINE

Chat House

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post columnists **TONY KORNHEISER** and **MICHAEL WILBON** were online Tuesday to discuss the Redskins, Wizards and other sports.

Why is Denver asking for Champ Bailey and a second-round pick for Clinton Portis when young running backs can be had in the draft, especially within the first two rounds? Does Denver consider Portis an overall better player than Bailey?

MIKE: It's a bit much. But Portis is great. It's a hard trade to figure. And maybe that's what makes it a compelling trade.

TONY: I don't like it at all. I don't think you give up a great cover corner for a running back. I certainly don't think you throw in a second-round pick.

If Mark Brunell is supposed to be so fabulous, why did the Jaguars draft a rookie quarterback and turn their team over to him last year and cut Mark loose?

TONY: Because they thought, obviously, that their future was in better shape with Byron Leftwich than with an aging, breaking-down Mark Brunell.

What is your take on the Gilbert Arenas-Kwame Brown "feud"?

MIKE: My take is the Wizards are coming apart at the seams. It's just one thing after another. No matter who the general manager is, no matter who the coach is, it won't matter until the owner changes.

What are the prospects for George Washington basketball come March? Most people are saying this week's game vs. Richmond is make-it-or-break-it for deciding NIT or NCAA status.

MIKE: GW is going to have to beat Richmond and probably get to 20 wins to be offered an at-large bid. Maybe 19 wins gets them there. The fact that St. Joe's is undefeated has to help the Atlantic 10 in some way. But I think GW has a shot.

Who do you think Mike Tyson should fight next?

MIKE: George Foreman. That's the fight. I'm not even going to say it's a good fight. But it's a curiosity.

Wizards' Arenas, Brown Aim to Move Past Splat

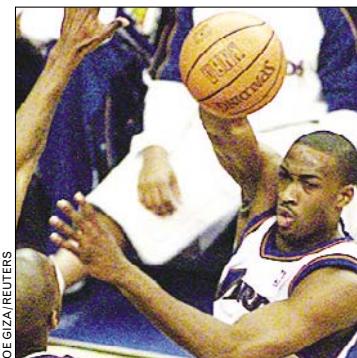
PRO BASKETBALL | With the coach's words fresh in their heads, Kwame Brown and Gilbert Arenas of the Washington Wizards tried to move on Tuesday in their first practice since making critical postgame remarks.

Coach Eddie Jordan spoke to both players on Monday's day off, trying to short-circuit any festering bad feelings between power forward Brown — who accused players of being selfish — and point guard Arenas — who said Brown needs to do a better job of scoring when he gets the ball.

"Boys will be boys, and it happens with every team," Jordan said.

On Tuesday, both players tried to explain themselves.

"I don't think everything's hunky-



Gilbert Arenas, above, was criticized by Kwame Brown for not passing enough.

dory, but we've got to go and perform the right way," Brown said.

Arenas said there was "nothing to talk about" between him and Brown and that there were no hard feelings. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

HEARSAY | STEROIDS IN BASEBALL



"It's like McCarthyism or something. They're looking to see who looks like a communist."

—CHICAGO CUBS MANAGER DUSTY BAKER

DISCUSSING WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT SEVERAL OF BASEBALL'S PROMINENT SLUGGERS USE STEROIDS TO IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO HIT HOME RUNS.

In Brief

EUROPEAN SOCCER

Real Madrid Salvages Tie With Bayern Munich

Oliver Kahn let a Roberto Carlos free kick slide under his body for a late equalizer on Tuesday as Real Madrid escaped with a 1-1 tie with Bayern Munich in the Champions League. Striker Roy Makaay had given Bayern the lead in the 75th minute, but Roberto Carlos fired in a free kick with seven minutes left in the match. (AP)

TELEVISION

ESPN Plans Movie on Rose

Pete Rose will be the subject of an ESPN movie beginning production this spring. "Hustle" will premiere on Sept. 25, ESPN executive vice president Mark Shapiro announced Tuesday. The two-hour movie will focus on events in Rose's life and baseball career in the mid- to late 1980s, including his lifetime ban following a gambling scandal. (AP)

Tejada Reports To Orioles Camp

PRO BASEBALL | Miguel Tejada intends to handle the shortstop position for the Baltimore Orioles in much the same fashion as his childhood idol, Cal Ripken.

"The good thing for me is I'm going to be walking in the same clubhouse that Cal Ripken walked in, and I'll have the same feeling," Tejada said Tuesday after checking in to spring training in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. "That's something that will make

me do well for this team."

There is one facet of Ripken's legacy that Tejada has no interest in duplicating: The Iron Man's major league record of playing in 2,632 consecutive games. Tejada's current run of 594 games is the longest active streak in the majors and ranks 20th in major league history.

"I don't think anybody is going to break that record," Tejada said.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



Tejada

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

PRO BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on NewsChannel 8) It may be more interesting to see if Gilbert Arenas passes Kwame Brown the ball than to see who wins the Wizards game at Toronto.

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Capitals, still mired in their season-long slump, host the Carolina Hurricanes.

PRO BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN) LeBron James has Cleveland on a roll entering Wednesday's game at Houston.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) N.C. State and Georgia Tech play in an ACC contest.

SOCER (2:30 p.m. on ESPN2) Stuttgart and Chelsea play in the first round of the Champions League.

Chambers Banned For Using Steroid

DOPING | Dwain Chambers, Europe's fastest man, became the first athlete banned for use of the designer steroid THG.

The British sprinter was suspended for two years Tuesday and banned for life from the Olympics after being found guilty of a doping offense by UK Athletics.

THG, or tetrahydrogestrinone, is a previously undetectable steroid at the heart of a major U.S.-based doping scandal. Chambers, the European 100-meter champion, was one of five track and field athletes who tested positive for the drug last summer.

Chambers's two-year suspension will end Nov. 7, 2005. In addition, under British rules, he's barred from ever competing in the Olympics.

Chambers, who finished fourth



British sprinter Dwain Chambers is permanently barred from the Olympics.

in the 100 at the 2000 Sydney Games, had been considered a potential gold medal contender at the Athens Olympics in August.

The 25-year-old runner tested positive in an out-of-competition screening in Germany on Aug. 1.

KRYSTYNA RUDZKI (AP)

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Sports

Reeling Coyotes Change Coaches

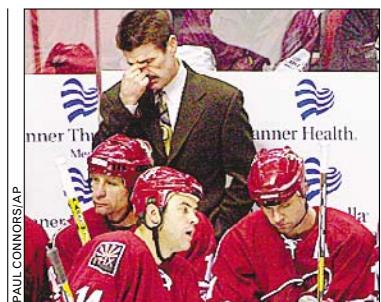
PRO HOCKEY | Bob Francis was fired as coach of the struggling Phoenix Coyotes on Tuesday after leading the team to the playoffs twice in the last four seasons.

The Coyotes have won just two of their last 14 games and are in last place in the Pacific Division and 13th in the Western Conference with a record of 20-24-15-3.

Assistant Rick Bowness, former head coach at Ottawa, was named interim coach for the remainder of the season.

"We felt that it was time for a change in direction," general manager Michael Barnett said.

Francis, the son of Hall of Famer Emile Francis, is the franchise leader in victories and games coached. He was the NHL's coach of the year in 2001-02.



Bob Francis, a former coach of the year, was fired by the Coyotes on Tuesday.

Bowness, a fifth-year assistant with Phoenix, has coached four NHL teams. He led the Winnipeg Jets (1988-89), Boston Bruins (1991-92), Ottawa Senators (1992-96) and the New York Islanders (1996-98). (AP)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC

	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
New Jersey	34	20	.630	—	10-0 25-10
New York	26	31	.456	9.5	6-4 19-16
Miami	25	33	.431	11	4-6 16-17
Philadelphia	23	34	.404	12.5	3-7 17-19
Boston	23	35	.397	13	1-9 14-23
Washington	16	38	.296	18	3-7 9-26
Orlando	16	42	.276	20	3-7 12-26

CENTRAL

	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Indiana	41	15	.732	—	8-2 28-9
Detroit	35	24	.593	7.5	2-8 24-15
New Orleans	30	26	.536	11	4-6 22-17
Milwaukee	29	26	.527	11.5	4-6 23-13
Toronto	25	30	.455	15.5	4-6 15-17
Cleveland	23	34	.404	18.5	5-5 17-19
Atlanta	18	38	.321	23	4-6 11-22
Chicago	16	40	.286	25	3-7 14-17

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	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Minnesota	40	16	.714	—	7-3 19-12
San Antonio	37	19	.661	3	8-2 18-11
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Memphis	34	22	.607	6	9-1 20-15
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ATLANTIC

	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Philadelphia	32	15	11	5	80	182	145
New Jersey	32	17	11	1	76	147	121
N.Y. Islanders	29	22	8	2	68	174	153
N.Y. Rangers	22	29	7	4	55	160	183
Pittsburgh	11	42	5	4	31	125	241

NORTHEAST

	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Ottawa	34	15	8	5	81	206	134
Toronto	34	17	9	3	80	182	158
Boston	30	15	12	6	78	163	146
Montreal	30	25	6	2	68	158	146
Buffalo	28	27	6	1	63	161	159

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL

	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Detroit	35	16	9	2	81	200	143
Nashville	30	23	7	2	69	159	165
St. Louis	29	23	7	2	67	144	156
Chicago	17	31	7	5	46	138	178
Columbus	17	33	8	4	46	129	177

NORTHWEST

	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Colorado	33	14	10	4	80	182	138
Vancouver	32	19	7	4	75	178	146
Calgary	30	23	5	3	68	147	138
Edmonton	25	26	10	1	61	159	157
Minnesota	21	23	16	2	60	139	139

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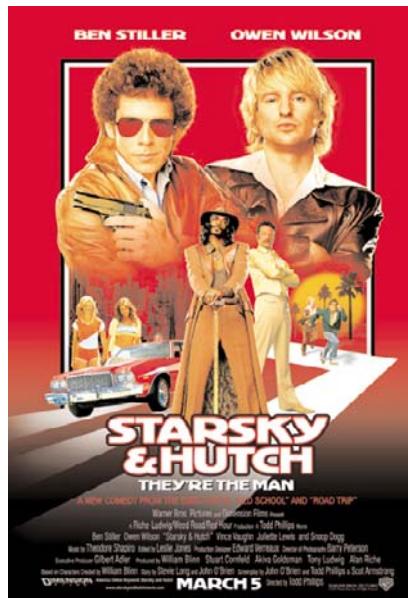
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People

CASTING

No Bosom-Baring Hottie Is Gonna Play This Old Dame

Janet Jackson has been left out in the rain after "Stormy Weather" singer **LENA HORNE** balked at having the singer play her in a television movie.

The 86-year-old Horne reportedly is angry about Jackson's breast-baring stunt at the Super Bowl and pressured ABC to drop Jackson from the project, *Variety* reported Tuesday. Producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron, of "The Reagans" fame, quit the project in solidarity with Jackson. (AP)

REALITY

So to Win, You Suck Up?

Dallas Mavericks owner **MARK CUBAN** will give away \$1 million of his own money this summer as host of a reality TV show called "The Benefactor." About 30 contestants will compete on the six-episode ABC series for the billionaire's cash. "You don't need special talents," he said. "I'm not looking to find out who is the grossest, funniest, prettiest, smartest or able to go without food or water the longest," he explained. "The right person is going to get on my good side at the right time." (AP)



WORLD AFFAIRS

Actors Integral to Peace Process in the Middle East

"Seinfeld" star **JASON ALEXANDER** helped launch a grass-roots peace initiative in Tel Aviv on Tuesday. The "One Voice" campaign, backed by Alexander and several other Hollywood celebrities, seeks



Soon, actors will solve all world problems!

DEBATES

But My Mommy Said Birthmarks Are Devil Kisses

HANNAH STORM is taking off the makeup to educate viewers about birthmarks. Storm, a host on CBS's "The Early Show," has routinely applied heavy makeup to conceal

a birthmark under her left eye. The purplish mark is often referred to as a port-wine stain. Through the years, Storm went through painful, unsuccessful attempts to get rid of it. Now she's done a report, which aired today, alerting parents that such birthmarks can be an early

STUNTS

Record Player

Actress **JERRY HALL** set out from Her Majesty's Theatre in central London on Tuesday to make a record-breaking attempt: Performing in six different West End musicals on the same night. If all went as planned, by today Hall will have played back-to-back roles in "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Misérables," "Fame," "Blood Brothers," "Anything Goes" and, finally, "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." (AP)



Justin sold his soul to Hollywood. Now he doesn't have any left for Motown.

QUITTERS

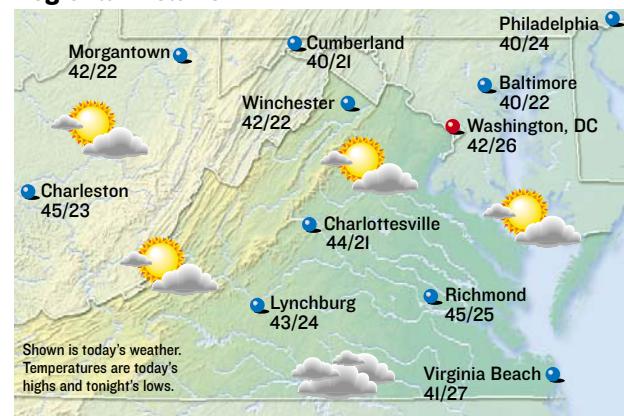
The Old 'Conflict' Excuse

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE has backed out of an agreement to co-host ABC's "Motown 45" special because of a conflict with filming "Edison," his first movie, spokesman Ken Sunshine said Tuesday. "That's the reason he can't do it, and that's the only reason he can't do it," Sunshine said. Or is it? Last week, the Los Angeles-based group Project Islamic Hope issued a press release saying that unnamed black leaders were "outraged" by the choice of Timberlake for the special. Said an ABC spokeswoman: "It just happened, unfortunately, that right around the time that we were made aware of the Project Islamic Hope thing, Justin got information about when he needed to work." (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly sunny, brisk and cold	Mainly clear and cold	Sunny to partly cloudy and chilly	Sunny to partly cloudy	Pleasant with plenty of sun	Sunny to partly cloudy
42°	26°	44° / 28°	49° / 34°	57° / 40°	63° / 44°

Regional Weather



Almanac

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Temperature

High	44°
Low	39°
Normal high	49°
Normal low	32°
Average humidity	73%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.07"
Month to date	2.27"
Normal month to date	2.21"
Year to date	3.62"
Last year to date	8.94"
Normal year to date	5.42"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy, cold. High 42.

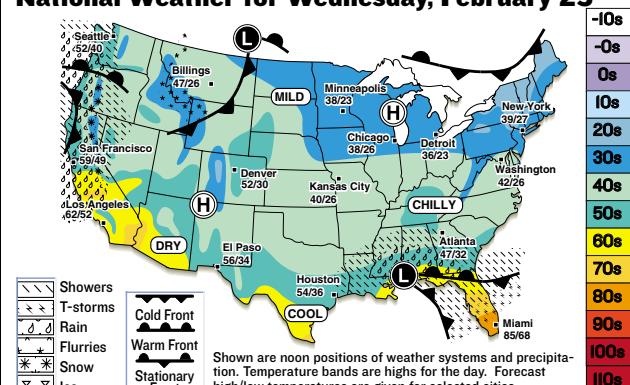
Wind northwest 12-22 mph. Tonight, mostly clear, cold. Low 26. Wind north 8-16 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:47 a.m. Sunset tonight 5:56 p.m. Moonrise today 9:29 a.m. Moonset today 11:36 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Feb 27	Mar 6	Mar 13	Mar 20

National Weather for Wednesday, February 25



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	47/32/c	40/33/r	Amsterdam	36/26/c	35/28/sn
Boston	35/22/s	37/22/s	Athens	64/51/c	65/55/c
Chicago	38/26/pc	42/29/s	Berlin	34/21/sn	33/23/pc
Dallas	48/30/c	57/36/s	Buenos Aires	87/70/s	91/68/pc
Denver	52/30/pc	60/29/pc	Calgary	45/24/pc	34/14/sn
Honolulu	82/71/pc	83/74/pc	Dublin	39/32/pc	37/25/sf
Los Angeles	62/52/r	57/51/sh	Geneva	41/25/sn	32/16/sn
Miami	85/68/t	80/58/c	Moscow	30/13/sn	27/10/c
New York City	39/27/s	39/28/s	Rome	50/39/r	56/40/t
Orlando	74/58/t	72/54/c	Sydney	68/50/t	75/58/c
Seattle	52/40/sh	52/38/sh	Tokyo	58/48/pc	56/36/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I AM SURPRISED that you did not advise the person who wanted to trade in Metro cards ("Since You Asked," Feb. 23) to purchase a Smartrip card. The person would not have to worry about accumulating cards with various balances on them. Also they could put cards with balances on the Smartrip.

—RON E. BALL
Alexandria, Va.

I ENJOY READING EXPRESS, but on Tuesday (Feb. 24) I was a bit disturbed to see a photo of the havoc in Haiti with one rebel pointing a handgun at the head of his detainee. Choosing a photo that shows such violence was quite offensive.

—MILLIE DAVIS
Lorton, Va.

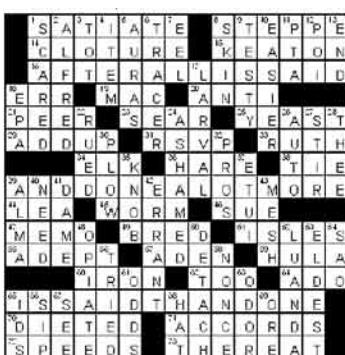
I BELIEVE THE CAPTION underneath Tina Turner's picture in the Feb. 18 People section was uneducated and somewhat inappropriate. What is around her neck is a garland of flowers, not a "deeply puzzling boa." This South Asian tradition, similar to the Hawaiian Lei, is a symbol of welcoming an honored guest — akin to god — and is used in religious and formal ceremonies.

—DIVYA SHROFF
Washington, D.C.

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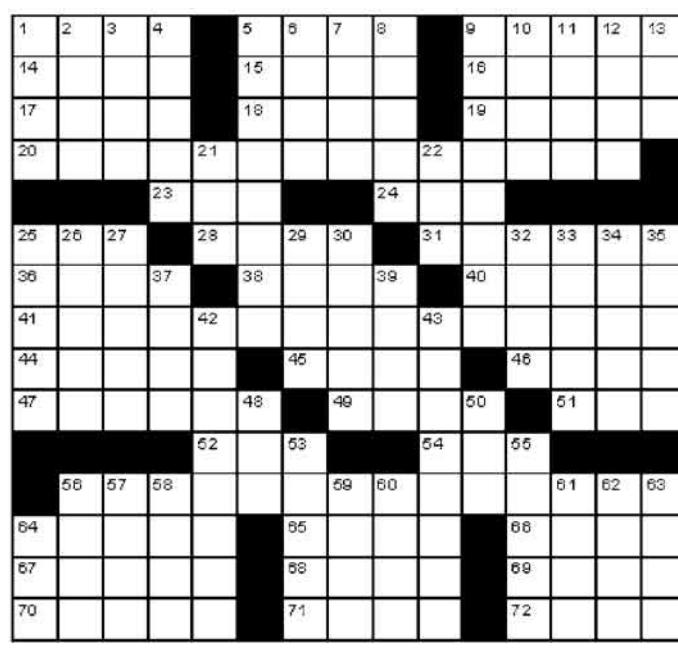
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Can We Talk? | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1 Erich Kastner's boy detective
5 "___ for Life"
9 Slapped the cuffs on
14 Discourteous
15 Fortune-teller's beginning
16 Make joyful
17 Capri or Wight
18 Way to a man's heart?
19 More than persuasion
20 Nixon delivery of 1952
23 Use an ax
24 Jug part
25 Al Capone's gang
28 Pomeranian barks
31 Sale enticement
36 Longfellow's bell town
38 Fiddler's place?
40 Chalet overhangs
41 Moving form
44 "Siddhartha" author
45 "St. Elmo's ___"
46 Art deco illustrator
47 Welles and Bean
49 Javelin paths
51 Job-application datum (Abbr.)
52 And so on, for short
54 ___ Cuarto,



Argentina
56 Tongue-lashing by the lady of the house
64 Hawaiian island
65 Sticky stuff
66 1982 Disney sci-fi film
67 Storage spot
68 Start to freeze?
69 "Great Caesar's ghost!"
70 Merchandise
71 Take five
72 World Series champs of 1975-1976
DOWN
1 Guitarist Clapton
2 Iditarod shout
3 Like someone taking five
4 Bloodsucker
5 Fireball
6 ___-friendly
7 Cinco follower
8 On pins and needles
9 Acted as arbiter
10 Skin-cream additive
11 Drug agt.
12 Cast wearer's frustration
13 Word in the society

pages

21 "Defense of Fort M'Henry" author
22 72, at Augusta
25 Like a John Wayne character
26 Catchall category
27 Alloy of copper and zinc
29 Magician's word
30 Director Coppola
32 Expose
33 Alleges as fact
34 Items often passed
35 Birthplace of Big Bertha
37 Start of many words?
39 Klinger portrayer on "M*A*S*H"
42 Science of heredity
43 Dilapidated
48 Grand Central, e.g. (Abbr.)
50 Exactly as written
53 Groucho Marx fixture
55 Aquatic critter
56 Roman statesman called "The Censor"
57 Biblical preposition
58 Legal invasion
59 "And Then There Were ___"
60 A whole bunch
61 Cajole
62 Type of show
63 Brett Favre targets
64 Fall behind

LIVE ONLINE

Election 2004

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

DAVID CORN, the Washington, D.C., editor of The Nation, was online Tuesday to discuss and decode Ralph Nader's presidential ambitions.

Do you think that despite his comments, Nader will say his piece, try to push the debate his way, keep himself in the news for a while, then bag it sometime this summer?

My hunch is that he feels compelled to run and will stick with it.

Why does Nader believe he'll get the most support from independents and Republicans, and that his campaign will actually help the Democrats?

I don't quite know. I see few Republicans who will vote for him. He thinks he can draw votes from Bush. I doubt that. Secondary candidates tend to draw votes from the major candidates to whom they are closest ideologically. Did Pat Buchanan draw votes from Al Gore in 2000?

What message about building a democracy are we giving to Iraq when we attempt to ban (or decry, or have state rules that hinder) Nader's independent candidacy?

This is not about banning Ralph. He has the right to run — and he's making full use of it. But you are right that the election laws in this nation are totally rigged to make it tough for anyone outside the major party duopoly to run for office. That should be changed.

How does it feel to be part of the "liberal intelligentsia"?

Well, that's the term that Nader used to dismiss the Nation magazine editorial that encouraged him not to run. I don't mind being in such a club. Especially since there are no meetings. But I did tell my boss that I think this means I deserve a raise.

Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Father David M. O'Connell, president of The Catholic University of America, discusses the controversy over "The Passion of the Christ."

2:30 P.M.: Dr. Robin Hertz, senior director of Population Studies at Pfizer Inc., talks about the research and status of health care for the elderly.

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Horoscope | Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You must stand firm, and remain true to yourself — without becoming cocky or aggressive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Now is not the time to play roles for which you are unsuited; trying to be something you're not can only lead to disaster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Take care you do not become defensive among those who know you best. Remain open to friendly, honest criticism and all will be well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Take some time to relax, enjoy yourself, and do those things that are special only to you. You needn't explain yourself to anyone now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You can weave a tapestry of experience, even in the short span of a day — if you know where to go, where to look, and whom to follow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Guard against becoming self-centered. You will be able to fulfill another's needs when the time comes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It may be time to cut off someone who doesn't know when to quit. It will be up to you to keep a friend or loved one safe from himself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — It's time to display a little courage; see that you don't fade into the background — at least until you've made your point.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Patience and

understanding are essential ingredients of a profitable day, particularly when you're working on a project with your peers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Self-confidence and self-reliance must not be confused with arrogance; take care that you don't let one turn into the other.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may be able to score an impressive shut-out, and put an end to any rumors suggesting that you are not suited for a current endeavor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You'll be required to meet mounting pressures head-on — at home or at the workplace. Many people will be doubly grateful.

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